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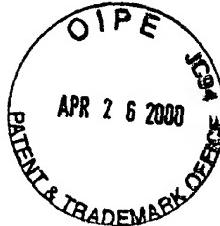
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In re PATENT Application of  
TOSHIMITSU KONUMA et al.

Serial No.: 09/059,562

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction/Election Requirement.

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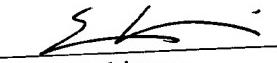
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Respectfully submitted,

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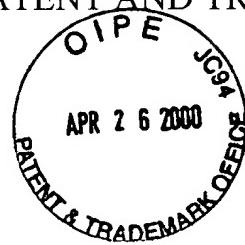
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement mailed March 22, 2000, in the above-identified application. Specifically, the Restriction Requirement restricts claims 1-30 into two (2) groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-21, drawn to an LCD device; and  
Group II: Claims 22-30, drawn to a method for manufacturing an LCD device.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that claims 1-30 were cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment filed by Certificate of Mailing of on October 15, 1999, and received in the Patent Office on October 19, 1999. In place of claims 1-30, new claims 31-116 were added. In that the Preliminary Amendment was filed more than six (6) months prior to the issuance of the Restriction Requirement, it is respectfully submitted that withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and consideration of the new claims submitted in the Preliminary Amendment is warranted.

A copy of the stamped receipt card and Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith to complete the Patent Office Record should the Preliminary Amendment be misplaced. Furthermore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, including claims 1-21 drawn to an LCD device.

In view of the above, reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement, entry of the Preliminary Amendment, and favorable action claims 31-116 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

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